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SUBJ: DEEP SEABED MINING RESOLUTION

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1. KEY EXCERPTS OF BUNDESTAG RESOLUTION ON DEEP SEABEDS REQUESTED REF A WERE TRANSMITTED IN REF B. CABLES CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT MAKE AN EXPLICIT CALL FOR "UNILATERAL" FRG ACTION IF NEGOTIATIONS ON DEEP SEABED MINING SHOULD FAIL. HOWEVER, IT DOES UNDERLINE THE BUNDESTAG'S INTENTION TO CONSIDER "ALTERNATIVE OR INTERIM MEASURES" IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THE PRESENT DEADLOCK CANNOT BE BROKEN. THESE "MEASURES" BEING CONSIDERED ARE ALSO COMPARED TO THOSE WHICH ARE ALREADY "UNDER CONSIDERATION IN SOME COUNTRIES". REF C REPORTED OPPOSITION CALLS FOR UNILATERAL ACTION AND THIS JOINT STATEMENT IS NOT AS BLUNTLY DIRECT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT. HOWEVER, "ALTERNATIVE MEASURES" CAN ONLY IMPLY UNILATERAL ACTION OF SOME KIND.

3. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG EXPRESSES THE HOPE

THAT THE THIRD UN LOS CONFERENCE CAN BE CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY. THE BUNDESTAG UNDERLINES THE INTEREST IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND BALANCED RESULT WHICH HAS BEEN MANIFESTED BY ALL FACTIONS AT REPEATED OCCASIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE STRONG FRG DEPENDENCE ON COMMODITY IMPORTS AND IN VIEW OF THE EFFORTS OF GERMAN SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY OVER YEARS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEEP SEABED MINING TECHNOLOGY, THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG ASSUMES THAT THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEEP SEABED REGIME -- AS WELL AS THOSE OF POSSIBLE PARTIAL CONVENTIONS -- WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A. THE ASSURANCE OF PERMANENT ACCESS TO DEEP SEABED RESOURCES WILL HAVE TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL INTERESTED NATIONS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

B. AN INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL OF DEEP SEABED MINING SHALL NOT LEAD TO DIRIGISTIC, BUREAUCRATIC OR, LASTLY, MONOPOLISTIC OPERATION OF THE DEEP SEABED REGIME. IT MAY NEITHER RESULT IN BURDENS TO THE CONSUMER STATES NOR IMPEDE THE FLOW OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCER COUNTRIES.

C. ESPECIALLY THOSE MEASURES TAKEN BY A DEEP SEABED MINING AUTHORITY OR BY OTHER CONTROL AGENCIES FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCIBLE QUANTITIES AND PRICES SHALL NOT RESULT IN UNREASONABLE DISADVANTAGES TO CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WHETHER THEY BE DEVELOPING OR INDUSTRIAL

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STATES.

D. CONSIDERING THE LONG LEAD TIME FOR INVESTMENTS IN  
DEEP SEABED MINING, THERE EXISTS A GENERAL INTEREST IN  
DEFINITIVE DECISIONS TO FACILITATE RAPID EXPLORATION OF  
MARINE COMMODITY DEPOSITS.

E. NEITHER THE FRG NOR THE OTHER PARTICIPATING  
COUNTRIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT SOLUTIONS IN WHICH  
THE FINANCIAL BURDENS ARE NOT IN AN ADEQUATE RATIO TO  
THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG SUPPORTS THE FIRM POSITION WITH  
WHICH THE GERMAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITHIN  
THE SENSE OF THESE PRINCIPLES. THE BUNDESTAG REQUESTS  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

- TO REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE RESULTS OF THE  
6TH SESSION OF THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE,  
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- TO STRIVE PERSISTENTLY FOR COORDINATION OF THE DEEP  
SEABED MINING POLICIES OF EC MEMBER STATES.

IF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN WITH RESPECT TO  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEEP SEABED REGIME CANNOT BE  
OVERCOME, THEN THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG WILL EXAMINE  
IMMEDIATELY WHETHER -- ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY --  
ALTERNATIVE OR INTERIM SOLUTIONS MUST BE DEVELOPED AS  
THEY ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION ALREADY IN SOME COUNTRIES.  
THE CONTINUOUS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN  
DEEP SEABED MINING BY GERMAN COMPANIES AND THE  
INVESTMENTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN IN THIS RESPECT  
MUST BE ASSURED. END TEXT.  
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